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*** IMPORTANT NOTE FROM EDITOR (Update): The "new" OPDX Mailing List is back up and running! Details on how to subscribe/unsubscribe are at the bottom of this bulletin. PLEASE pass the word around.... Thanks and 73 de Tedd KB8NW

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 27th/January, through Sunday, 3rd/February there were 216 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E5/n, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FR, FS, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HC8, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J7, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ7, PY, PZ, S0, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T5, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TR, TT, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK0M, VP2E, VP2M, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XZ, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, Z6, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, ZD9, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3B9, RODRIGUEZ ISLAND. As this was being written, Vlad, UA4WHX, was active as 3B8VB from Rodriguez Island (AF-017). As always, the length of his stay is unknown. Look for activity to be on 40/30/20/17 meters using mostly CW with some SSB. QSL via UA4WHX.

3Y0I BOUVET DXPEDITION NEWS. Nothing was posted on any of the 3Y0I media Web pages this past week. The DX community continues to be anxious for this DXpedition to take place. Nothing else to report this week and no other details. Departure dates are still not known. It is still a mystery... If things change, we will send out a special bulletin.

Remember, it takes 12 days to get to Bouvet from South Africa, and they plan to stay on the island for at least 2 weeks if the weather cooperates. The 3Y0I DXpedition's band plan frequencies (160-6m) and modes (CW/SSB/FT8) can be found at: https://www.rebeldxgroup.com
https://bouvetoya.org/3yoi-bandplan

QSL via ClubLog's OQRS (preferred), LoTW or via 3Z9DX. For more details and updates, we suggest to watch the following Web pages:
https://bouvetoya.org
https://www.rebeldxgroup.com
http://jouban.jp/3y0i_ja (For JA stations)
https://www.facebook.com/bouvetoya.org
https://www.facebook.com/rebeldxgroup
https://twitter.com/Bouvetoyaorg

5X, UGANDA (Callsign Update from OPDX.1400). The Italian Dxpedition Team (IDT) will be using the following callsigns for their DXpedition to Uganda between March 13-25th: 5X3C (not 5X0T) for CW,SSB and RTTY
5X3E (not 5X0X) for FT8
QSL via I2YSB, direct, OQRS or LoTW. For more details on the IDT team and an online survey for "needs/wants", see their Web page at:
http://www.i2ysb.com/idt

7P, LESOTHO (Update). The 7P8LB Team is now well established as they near their departure date in a few weeks time. Operators Svein/LA3BO, Piotr/LA7RRA, Rune/LA7THA (Team Leader), Arne/LA7WCA, Svein Jarle/LA9KKA, Thor/LA9VPA, Harald/LB2HG, Chris/OE5CWO and Phillipp/OE7PGI will be active as 7P8LB from Molengoane Lodge (WW Loc. KG30VO), Lesotho, between March 8-16th. They plan to have 2-3 stations running 24/7 on all HF bands using CW, SSB, with the focus on low bands and FT8. QSL Manager is Charles, M0OXO. QSL is via M0OXO's OQRS: https://www.m0oxo.com/oqrs/logsearch.php Logsearch can be found on Clublog: https://clublog.org/logsearch/7P8LB Not in log: Use the busted callsign facility on the OQRS page. For more details and updates, see: http://www.la9vpa.com/7p8lb/index.html

8P, BARBADOS. Tom, W2SC, will once again be active as 8P5A during the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 16-17th) as Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or direct to HA1AG.

A5, BHUTAN. Look for A5A to be activate again between February 27th and March 9th. Zorro/JH1AJT (A5A), will travel to Bhutan with Franz/DJ9ZB (A52ZB) and Champ/E21EIC (A52IC). The main purpose for Zorro is to meet

with the Foreign Ministry to continue discussions on outcomes and progress on their collaborative project for the youth development program SEISA working for BOC. He will also meet the official of the Ministry of Health, sports federations, BOC Olympic and Paralympic committees (also collaboration of sports, education and medical issues). Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and FT8. The team will focus on 160 meters FT8. Suggested FT8 Frequencies/Modes are:

160M : 1840 QSX 1908 for JA (FT8 normal mode)			
80M : 3567	DXpedition mode	17M : 18095	DXpedition mode
40M : 7056	DXpedition mode	15M : 21091	DXpedition mode
30M : 10131	DXpedition mode	12M : 24911	DXpedition mode
20M : 14090	DXpedition mode	10M : 28091	DXpedition mode

QSL via JH1AJT: P.O. Box 8, Oiso, Naka-gun, KANAGAWA 255-0003, Japan
OQRS will be available at ClubLog after Zorro's return to Japan.
Support FGC Foundation for Global Children: http://www.fgc.or.jp/english

C6, BAHAMAS. Operators Michael/KN4EEI, Michael/N6MZ and George/AA7JV are now active as C6AGU from Water Cay (NA-001) until Feb. 18. Activity will be mainly on 160/80/40 meters using mostly CW and FT8. QSL via HA7RY.

CT3, MADEIRA. Henning, OZ1BII/OZ2I, will be active as CT9ABR from Porto Moniz during the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 16-17th) as a Single-Op/Low-Power entry. He will be on the island between February 14-17th. Activity outside of the contest, he will sign CT3/OU2I and will only be CW only on the WARC-79 bands. QSL via OZ2I, direct or by the Bureau. Watch the following Web page for updates:
https://sites.google.com/view/oz2i-oz1bii/news

DAY-XENIA NEWS (Dayton CTU Update - WX6SWW and 2019 Course List posted). Tim, K3LR, announced [edited]: I am pleased to announce that Dr. Tamitha Skov, WX6SWW, has joined the faculty for our 2019 Contest University in Dayton this coming May. Dr. Skov will speak about Cycle 25 forecasting in the morning and she will lead a small group discussion about Space Weather in the afternoon.

Tamitha is a regular part of the popular Ham Nation show on Wednesday's. Here is her latest Space Weather update from Ham Nation:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bDPdyxfNWdA
You can learn more about WX6SWW here: http://spaceweatherwoman.com
The 2019 Course Outline is now posted on the Contest University Website:
https://www.contestuniversity.com/course-outline

DXCC'S MOST WANTED (ClubLog). The "DXCC Most Wanted" entities list has been updated on ClubLog as of January 29th. The list contain 340 entities and here are the top 10 entities:

1. P5	DPRK (North Korea)	6. BV9P	Pratas Island
2. 3Y/B	Bouvet Island	7. KH7K	Kure Island
3. FT5/W	Crozet Island	8. KH3	Johnston Island
4. CE0X	San Felix Islands	9. FT5/X	Kerguelen Island
5. BS7H	Scarborough Reef	10. 3Y/P	PETER 1 ISLAND

Four changes this month. San Felix Islands (CE0X) and Scarborough Reef (BS7H) switched places in the 4th to 5th position. Kerguelen Island (FT5/X) moved from the 10th to the 9th, and Macquarie Island (VK0M) dropped to 11th and Peter 1 Island (3Y/P) moved to 10th. The complete "DXCC Most Wanted"

entities list is available at: https://secure.clublog.org/mostwanted.php

E5, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS. Doug, W6HB, will once again be active as E51DLD from either Jim/E51JD or Bob/E51BQ's shack on Rarotonga Island (OC-013) between April 21-28th. Activity will be holiday style on 160-10 meters. QSL via his home callsign.

FK, NEW CALEDONIA. Arnaud, JG1XMV, will once again be active as FK/JG1XMV from New Caledonia between February 23rd and March 10th. He will have his friend Yves, FK4RD, again with him. His activity will be from Grand Terre Island (OC-032), but may also visit Lifou (OC-033) and Mare (OC-033) islands during his stay. Operations will be on 40/20/17/15 meters SSB. QSL via home call direct, LoTW and eQSL.

FY/TO2, FRENCH GUIANA. Hartwig, DL7BC, will once again be active as TO2BC from French Guiana between March 21st and April 2nd. He will be active during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 30-31st). Activity will be holiday style before and after the contest, and will probably be on 40-10 meters (possibly 80m) using a Kenwood TS590SG into a Spider-beam for 20-10m with WRTC-40m-extension and a Triple-Leg for 40m. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau, Club's OQRS or LoTW. Watch his Web page for updates at: http://www.qslnet.de/dl7bc

HH, HAITI. William, KO7SS, will be active as HH2AA from Radio Club D'Haïti in Obleon during the ARRL International DX 17 Contest (February 16-17th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power/Assisted entry. He states, "Solar power remote operation." QSL via LoTW only.

IOTA NEWS.....

AF-019. Members of the ARI Modena will be active as IG9MO from Lampedusa Island (IIA G001, WLOTA N. 2312, WAIP AG) between March 28th and April 2nd. Activity will be on various HF bands using CW, SSB, RTTY and other Digital modes. They plan to be in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 30-31st). QSL via info on QRZ.com.

AF-118. (New IOTA) Toufelaz, CN8QY, is planning to lead a team to activate Los Farallones Island, Morocco, between July 25-30th. Callsign will be 5C9A. Operators mentioned are Zidane/CN8CE, Toufelaz/CN8QY, Hamid/CN8HDZ, CN8PA/CN8PA, Ferti/CN8RAH, Leopoldo/I8LWL, Bruno/IK2PZG, Simon/IZ7ATN, Col/MM0NDX and possibly 1-2 more. They are looking for support. Details are on QRZ.com.

OC-016. Jim, WB2TJO, will once again be active as 3D2JS from Taveuni Island, Fiji, between early February and March 10th. Activity will be on 40-15 meters using mainly CW, but also SSB and the Digital modes. The rig will be an ICOM 706 MK IIG with an MFJ 971 manual tuner. QSL via his home callsign.

OC-150. Members of ORARI Lokal Lombok Timur Club Station, YB9ZGD,

will be active from Lombok Island, Indonesia, during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 30-31st) as a Multi-Single entry. Team leader as Ahbab/YB9JA and supported by Adi/YB9GV. QSL via YB9ZGD, direct, eQSL or ClubLog.

OC-183/ OC-211. Operators Andy/VK6MAV and Vlad/ER1PP will be active as VK5MAV/6 from both Houtman Abrolhos Island (OC-211) and Favorite Island (OC-183) between April 15-25th but it's not final; it depends on Vlad's visa conditions and international flight's availability. Also third party's interests and plans are involved. For more details and updates, watch:
http://vk5mav.wixsite.com/dxpedition/next-expedition

PLEASE NOTE: Since the Webmasters of the new have decided NOT to post or dedicate a Web page to announce upcoming IOTA operations, PLEASE send your IOTA operations information to the OPDX, and we will post it here in an upcoming bulletin.....

J3, GRENADA. Peter, G4HSO, will be active as J3/G4HSO from Grenada (NA-024) between February 4-16th. Activity will be holiday style on various HF bands using mainly CW. QSL via G4HSO by the Bureau, direct to EA5GL, ClubLog or LoTW.

KH2, GUAM. Yoshi, JE2EHP, is about to go QRT as K1HP/KH2 from Guam. He will be there until February 4th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via JE2EHP, by the Bureau, LoTW or ClubLog's OQRS.

OX, GREENLAND. Nils, SM3UQK, will be active as OX/SE3A from Ilulissat on the west cost between February 9-21st. Ilulissat is one of the "bigger" communities on Greenland, with around 4500 inhabitants. Activity will be on 40/20 meters running portable with a Yaesu FT-857D and a Buddistick™ Portable Multi-Band Vertical Antenna. He "may" also be active using an Icom IC-7300 and endfeed multiband antenna. QSL via SM3UQK, direct or by the Bureau.

P29, PAPUA NEW GUINEA (Cancelled). Operators Derek/G3KHZ, Hans/SM6CVX and Eddy/K5WQG, who were going to activate two IOTA islands as P29VCX and P29NI in the coming weeks, have announced their activity from OC-025 and OC-153 are cancelled "due to security issues".

PJ4, BONAIRE (Reminder). Operators Fred/WW4LL and Mike/NN9DD will be active as PJ4/WW4LL and PJ4/NN9DD, respectively, between February 4-10th. Activity will be on FT8, RTTY and SSB, on all bands, and including the CQWW WPX RTTY Contest (February 9-10th) as PJ4Z. For paper QSLs, please QSL via K4BAI, but LoTW is the preferred method for all QSLs (PJ4Z, PJ4/WW4LL and PJ4/NN9DD). Log will be uploaded post contest.

PJ5, ST. EUSTATIUS (Update). Fred, N6YEU, will be active as PJ5/N6YEU from St. Eustatius Island (NA-145, WW Loc. FK87ml) between February 12-18th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-15 meters (possibly 80m)

using CW and SSB. No Digital modes. He plans to be in the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 16-17th) as a Single-Op entry. He will be running low-power into Inverted Vee dipoles. QSL via his home callsign or LoTW. ADDED NOTE: Fred told OPDX that he is celebrating his "70th birthday on Feb.15th" and also celebrating his "30th year as a ham". Fred states, "It is a 'bucket list' item. This is my first DXpedition. I will be on the air as much as propagation will let me but also plan on playing 'tourist'."

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (February 4-10th).....

Feb/04th AN	Feb/07th AN	Feb/09th AN
Feb/05th AN	Feb/08th AN	Feb/10th AN
Feb/06th AN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

Meanwhile, check out the following Web sites:

* VOACAP predication Web page at: http://www.voacap.com/hf and http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html
* DX.QSL.NET Propagation page: https://dx.qsl.net/propagation
* A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at: https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm
* SolarHam Web page: http://www.solarham.net
* Radio Propagation/Space Weather/Sunspot Cycle Information at: http://sunspotwatch.com
* Graphic propagation tool by DR2W: http://www.dr2w.de/dx-propagation
* Point to point propagation at: http://www.predtest.uk/p2p.html
* Realtime propagation at: http://www.predtest.uk
* Also on Twitter: https://twitter.com/@GiellaW4hm

PY0F, FERNANDO DE NORONHA. Operators Jose/PU0FDN, Renner/PY7RP and Ville/PY2ZEA/OH2MM will be active as PY0F during the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 16-17th) as a Multi-2 entry. The team will be on the island between February 13-18th. Activity outside of the contest will be mostly on the low bands (testing new RX system by RemoteQTH), maybe some 60m activity on CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via PY7RP direct or ClubLog's OQRS. All QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW. For more details and updates, see: https://py0f.wordpress.com

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF

3B9VB via UA4WHX	EA9/DL2JRM via DL2JRM	SN150EL via SP1KRF
3W1T via XV1X (d)	HB0/DL5SE via DL5SE	SN5B via SP5SSB

6O1OO via (**)
9M2MRS via PA0RRS & (L/C)
C6A/DD0VR via DD0VR
DA0DIG via DH1PAL
DF13DEJU via DM2TO
DL70AFUG via DM4EAX & (L)
DR1D via DL3KODL3KO
EA5/LA2PC via LA2PC
HB90BRU via HB9BRU & (e)
J42L via SV2DCD
K1HP/KH2 via JE2EHP & (L)
K5C via W5NAC & (L)
KH6/G4KHG via KH6/G4KHG (L)
LZ391MW via LZ1KCP
OS8A via ON8VK
RA76SK via UC4A
TM39PVJ via F8GGZ
UE76MS via UE76MS (O)
V31UX via IK0FUX & (L)
VE3/IU7FBC via IU7FBC & (L)
WA4DT/HR9 via WA4DT (d)
ZS2/DL5DSM via DL5DSM

(**) 6O1OO: Ali Solhjoo, c/o Dr. de Vivanco, Schnackenburgstrasse 3, 12159 Berlin, Germany

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(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only (N) No QSL needed
(I) No IRC (P) PayPal (NB) No Bureau

LOGS ONLINE AT CLUBLOG.ORG THIS WEEK.....
https://clublog.org/logsearch/FO/OK2ZI
https://clublog.org/logsearch/PJ4P

QSLS RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 5R8UM (AF-057), 9LY1JM, 9M2MRS, DH3KM, DL1HUF, E51DWC, E73DN, EP6RRC (AS-189), ER2OZ, G4ZOB, J68GU, J73HGL, JJ2LPV, OH0Z, OM5CD, ON8ZA, UR6IM, Z68M and ZP5DBC

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 5W0GC, C31CT, C37AC, FK8IK, J8NY, SV2ASP/A, TZ4AM, VU2GSM and YJ0GC

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 5R8IC, C8X, R71RRC, and XV9DLH
--- We would like to see more QSL Bureaus (such as AS/US/SA/AF.. etc) send in their info....

T40, CUBA (Special Event). Members of the Federación de Radioaficionados de Cuba (FRC) in Las Tunas Province and the Grupo DX de Cuba (GDXC) will be active with the callsign T40SC between February 4-10th. Activity is to celebrate the Baseball Caribbean Series in Panama, where Las Tunas Baseball team will be competing representing Cuba. Activity will be on all HF bands, depending on propagation and operators' free time, using CW, SSB and FT8. A special certificate will be awarded to those who work T40SC at leaston 4 bands, no matter the mode. More information is on CO8ZZ's personal blog (https://xavian2016.cubava.cu/) and the FRC's Web site (https://www.frcuba.cu/).

V3, BELIZE. George, W2AIV, will be active as V31GF from Belize between February 23rd and March 2nd. Activity will be on 40/20/15/10 meters using SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via LoTW.

VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS. Mario, 3A2NY/W4HBW/I2HBW, is once again active as VP5VMA from Providenciales Island (NA-002) until February 28th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using mostly SSB. QSL via ClubLog's OQRS.

XV9, VIETNAM (Reminder). Operators Bogdan/SP2FUD and Zenon/SP2GCJ will be active as XV9FUD and XV9ZT, respectively, from Vietnam, between February 5-18th. Activity will be on various HF bands and modes. QSL via their home callsigns.

YS, EL SALVADOR. Will, AA4NC, will be active as YS1/AA4NC from San Salvador between February 13-20th. Activity will be all HF bands using CW, SSB, RTTY and even FT8 (if he has to!). He plans to be in the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 16-17th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via AA4NC.

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